[English]

Blue Print

1782. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have drawn up a blue print for the development of tourism in the country for the next decades;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether specified areas of tourist activities are proposed to be thrown open to the private tourist agencies and organisations; and

(c) whether the Tourism Policy would be got vetted by the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (c) A draft National Policy on Tourism has been prepared by the Department of Tourism and placed in the Parliament Library and circulated to the Members of the Standing Committee on Transport and Tourism, State Governments and Industrial Associations. The policy was also discussed in a Workshop organised on 26th June, 1997 and in the Tourism Ministers' Conference on 27th June, 1997. The policy aims at achieving sustainable development of tourism through the coordinated efforts of Central Government, State Governments and the private sector. It also aims at creating awareness on tourism and ensuring public participation in the development of tourism.

Court Orders for Civilian Officers of Dock Yard, Navy

1783. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India has passed an order on July 8, 1996 that Government should consiser expeditious disposal of the representation regarding pay scale anomaly of the petitioner, namely Civilian Officers of Dock Yard of Indian Navy as was done in respect of JSOs in DRDO; and

(b) if so, the action taken so far to implement Supreme Court's orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As directed by the Supreme Court, the petition has been disposed off and the petitioner namely, the Indian Navy Civilian Officers Association, Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam has been given a reply on 29.7.1997.

Annual Rainfall in States

1784. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the average annual rainfall in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Meghalaya and rivers flowing through these States;

(b) the irrigation and hydro-generation potential of the rivers and the utilisation of that potential State-wise; and

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to harness the irrigation and hydro-potential and the Central assistance proposed to be provided to these States for the purpose, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) Details of average (normal) annual rainfall, major river systems, Creation and utilisation of irrigation potential and hydro-generation potential in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Meghalaya are as under :

S.No.	Item	States		
		Arunachal Pradesh	Manipur	Meghalaya
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Annual Normal Rainfall in millimetre (mm)	2781	1382	4869
2.	Major River Systems/ sub-systems	Brahmaputra, Subansiri, Siang, Lohit, Kameng, Dibong, Noa, Dihing,	Barak	Meghna, Kopili, Kulsi, Bharalu, Dudhnoi, Jinarai, Jinjiram.
3.	Irrigation potential at the end of Eighth Plan (provisional) in thousand hectares			
	(i) Created	82.1	151.1	53.1
	(ii) Utilised	73.1	127.7	46.7